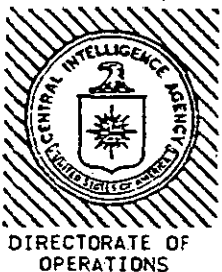


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DIST: 14 JANUARY 83  
COUNTRY: CHILE  
SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET TOWARD RETURN OF CHILEAN EXILES

DOI: JANUARY 1983  
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2. [REDACTED] JANUARY 1983 [REDACTED] SAID PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE HAD NOT WANTED TO LET ANY CHILEAN EXILES RETURN, BUT BECAUSE HE FELT HIMSELF UNDER CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE MATTER, HE APPOINTED THE NOW DEFUNCT EXILE COMMISSION AS HIS ATTEMPT TO BLUNT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. [REDACTED] PINOCHET WILL DO ONLY AS MUCH AS HE HAS TO CONCERNING THE NUMBER AND THE TIMING OF THE RETURN OF THE EXILES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] PRESS HAS INDICATED THAT A NEW LIST OF EXILES APPROVED FOR RETURN WOULD BE ISSUED 14 JANUARY.) [REDACTED] SAID HE IS CONTINUALLY BEING PRESSURED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE FRIENDS AMONG THE EXILES, TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST OF THOSE APPROVED TO RETURN. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WENT ON TO SAY THAT ALTHOUGH NO PROMINENT CHILEAN POLITICIAN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN, AN EXCEPTION MIGHT BE MADE IN THE CASE OF EUGENIO ((VELASCO)), SOCIAL DEMOCRAT AND FORMER DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY CHILE.

3. [REDACTED]  
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4. [REDACTED]  
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5. (( [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHAT MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE NUMBER OR PROMINENCE OF THE EXILES ALLOWED TO RETURN IS THAT THE VERY CREATION OF THE EXILE COMMISSION DEMONSTRATES THE GROWING CONSENSUS THAT THE GOC MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH A CREDIBLE POLITICAL PROGRAM, IN

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ADDITION TO ITS VARIOUS ECONOMIC MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT SEVERE RECESSION. THIS CONSENSUS INCLUDES MANY OF THE CIVILIAN SECTORS WHO HAD GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE MILITARY TAKEOVER BUT WHO WERE BECOMING MORE CRITICAL OF THE ABSENCE OF A POLITICAL TRANSITION; MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SEEMS TO INCLUDE SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS, SUCH AS JUSTICE MINISTER MADARIAGA AND FOREIGN MINISTER ROJAS. THE POSITION OF INTERIOR MINISTER MONTERO IS LESS CLEAR, BUT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSION, WHICH AFTER ALL RECOMMENDED THE RETURN OF SEVERAL HUNDRED EXILES, INDICATES THAT HE WENT ALONG WITH THIS GENERAL APPROACH. THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION IS WHETHER PINOCHET CAN BE CONVINCED, DESPITE HIS VISCERAL CONCERNS ABOUT MAKING CONCESSIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO LOSS OF CONTROL, THAT CAREFULLY MEASURED FORWARD STEPS MAY BE A SAFER WAY TO DEAL WITH THE POLITICAL PRESSURES THAN TRYING TO STAND PAT.)

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